Scheme, one centre each in the districts of Mandi and Bilaspur has been sanctioned.

The Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) programme is also in operation in Himachal Pradesh for the promotion of micro-enterprises.

Introduction of Computer Courses by Small Scale Service Institutes

1662. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Small Scale Service Institutes throughout the country have stopped imparting training on Industries/entrepreneurs developmental programmes and started Computer Courses intended to earn profit;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) names of such SSIs in Orissa which are imparting Computer Courses that propose to start the said courses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Small Industries Service Institutes (SISIs) continue to impart training to entrepreneurs through a series of Entrepreneurship Development Programmes, Management Development Programmes and Skill Development Programmes on a regular basis. In addition to the above mentioned training Programmes, some of the SISIs viz. New Delhi, Chennai and Bangalore have been conducting Computer Courses to help entrepreneurs and their employees to keep pace with the emerging trends in Information Technology for adopting better Management and Marketing practices.

(c) None of the SSIs in the State of Orissa is conducting Computer Courses.

Closure of small scale units

1663. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact, that larger number of small scale units are closing down;

(b) if so, what is their number in the last five years; and